
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Joshua 11:1-6 KJV*

And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, (2) And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, (3) And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh. (4) And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. (5) And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. (6) And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

INTRO: *God's Ways are Higher!*

Joshua 11:20 KJV

For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that ***they should come against Israel in battle***, that **he might destroy them** utterly, and that they might have no favour, but that **he might destroy them**, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6 KJV

When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; (2) And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou **shalt make no covenant with them**, nor shew mercy unto them: (3) ***Neither shalt thou make marriages with them***; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. (4) ***For they will turn away thy***

son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. (5) But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall ***destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire***. (6) **For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God**: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Several times in scripture we see God's judgment…

The **Flood** in Noah's day – The **Fire** upon Sodom and Gomorrah – in Revelation **after the tribulation of the church** we see God's judgment upon Satan, his imps, all non-believers and even the earth being **destroyed by fire** just prior to the New Heavens and the New Earth

So we see too, that God giving the Promised Land to the children of Israel ***was God passing judgment upon people that had rejected God and sought after false gods – demons***.

Deuteronomy 20:15-18 KJV

Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. (16) But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: (17) But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: (18) ***That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God***.

I. *And the LORD said unto Joshua*

Joshua 11:6 KJV

And the LORD said unto Joshua, **Be not afraid** because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt ***hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire***.

God ordered Joshua not to seize the horses and chariots and turn them against the enemy, but to destroy them utterly. This command is given for the express purpose of **REMOVING TEMPTATION TO FLESHLY CONFIDENCE**.
Jehovah God calls for His people to look to Him alone for victory. This is to be their constant attitude, the holy habit of their souls. The bearing of this command on us is plain, and the lesson is much needed in our day. ***We are to carry on God's work in God's way***. There are many of the weapons and devices of the world which ought not be pressed into the service of the Church.

PSALMS 20:7 KJV **Trust in the Name of the LORD our God!**

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

ISAIAH 31:1 KJV

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

Our one work is to preach "Christ and Him crucified," fully aware of the fact that ***to some it is foolishness, and to others a stumbling-block***.

There is, and **has always been**, ***a fatal tendency to use the world's weapons in the Church's work***; to worship intellect, learning, genius, scholarship, eloquence; to look on these things as the treasury and armoury of the Church; to depend on what man can do ***instead of what is God can do***; to depend on that which appeals to the eye, the ear, the intellect, the emotions, ***rather than on the living God and His glorious gospel***.

II. WHEN YOU GET A GIANT DOWN?

JOSHUA 11:7-9 KJV

So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. (8) And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. (9) ***And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him***: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

Joshua 11:15 KJV

As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and ***so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses***.

1 Samuel 17:38-51 KJV

And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. (39) And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. (40) And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. (41) And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. (42) And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. (43) And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. (44) And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. (45) Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. (46) This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. (47) And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. (48) And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. (49) And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. (50) So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. (51) Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and ***cut off his head*** therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

III. ACCORDING TO ALL THE LORD SAID

JOSHUA 11:21-23 KJV

And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. (22) There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained. (23) So Joshua took the whole land, ***according to all that the LORD said*** unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

What is your World-View?

Secular? – Historical? – Political? – Bible-Based?

Satan, the Antichrist have an agenda

– To Dominate the World
– To Bring the World Under One Government
– To Bring the World Under One Global Currency
– To Bring the World into ONE RELIGION

Pres obama has proclaimed his goal …

> The walls between old allies on either side of the Atlantic cannot stand. The walls between the countries with the most and those with the least cannot stand. The walls between races and tribes, natives and immigrants, Christian and Muslim and Jew cannot stand.
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> ***These now are the walls we must tear down***.
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> - THEN SENATOR, OBAMA, speaking in Berlin.

But Praise God He has an Agenda Too!

GOD'S WAYS ARE HIGHER!